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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
4. Request for Change of Attorney Docket Number;
5. Credit Card Form (PTO-2038); and
6. Two return postcards.

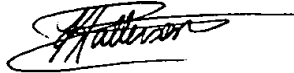
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